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Research on the U.S.-Mexico border helped undergrad Cristian Martinez go from foster care to the halls of power in Washington, D.C.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Investigate

How are public policies determined? What factors shape international relationships? Does media influence Presidential decision making? Political science faculty and students investigate these and other important issues that impact our daily lives.

Research findings are consistently featured in top journals and presented at international conferences, while student internship and outreach programs allow political science undergraduates the opportunity to learn about and participate in government policy making on a local, state, national and global scale.

Innovate

Innovative research in the political science department focuses on American politics, international relations, political theory, comparative politics and public law.

Studies explore the changing role of private security contractors during times of war, strategies aimed at halting nuclear proliferation, and how redistricting and voter mobilization strategies impact elections and subsequent policies and funding.

Impact

More than 1,000 students pursue majors in political science each year, many of whom go on to pursue legal careers in the local Orange County area.

The department includes 30 faculty whose expert opinions are frequently sought by journalists in the national media. Several faculty have also testified before Congress.

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